



# *Commencement*

***Winter 2007***



# Forty-ninth Commencement

10:00 a.m. • Saturday • December 15, 2007

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" ..... Elgar  
*Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble*

Invocation ..... Dr. Delores Honey  
*Director, Assessment and Institutional Research, Missouri Southern State University*

Welcome and Introductions ..... Dr. Terri Agee  
*Acting President, Missouri Southern State University*

Address ..... Dr. Michael LaFerla, DDS, MS  
*Joplin Orthodontist & Dentist, Missouri Southern State University Outstanding Alumnus '05*

Presentation of Class ..... Dr. Richard J. McCallum  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University*

Conferring of Degrees ..... Dr. Terri Agee

## **Presentation of Diplomas**

Congratulatory Remarks ..... Mr. Michael Kennedy  
*President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University*

Announcement of Academic Honors ..... Dr. Richard J. McCallum

Turning of the Tassel ..... Mrs. Gloria Turner  
*President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association*

Service Recognition ..... Mr. Dwight Douglas  
*Chair, Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors*

MSSU Alma Mater (See Page 11) ..... Ms. Katie Wooldridge  
*Senior, Music Education, Carthage*

Benediction ..... Dr. Delores Honey

Recessional "Sine Nomine" ..... R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg  
*Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble*

Sign Language Interpreter ..... Mrs. Mary Zustiak

*Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones.*





## Missouri Southern State University Commencement Speaker



former Cum Laude graduate and Outstanding Alumnus of Missouri Southern State University, **Michael LaFerla, DDS, MS**, is a Joplin orthodontist.

Dr. LaFerla has maintained close connections with Missouri Southern since his days as an undergraduate student. He is the Missouri Southern Lionbackers Steering Committee President and Missouri Southern Dental Hygiene Advisory Board President. He also was a member of the Missouri Southern Alumni Association Strategic Planning Committee and the Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Dr. LaFerla was named Missouri Southern State University Outstanding Alumnus in 2005. The same year, his practice was named Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year.

Dr. LaFerla received his Bachelor's degree (B.S.) in Biology with honors (Cum Laude) from Missouri Southern in 1989 and received his Doctorate in Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) from University of Nebraska – Lincoln in 1993. He received his Master's degree (M.S.) in Craniofacial Biology and a Specialty Certificate in Orthodontics from the University of Southern California - Los Angeles in 1996.

He has operated a solo private practice in Joplin since July 1999 and, prior to that, was in practice with Dr. William D. Cook for three years.

He currently serves as President-Elect of the Missouri Orthodontic Association and he is Board-Eligible for the American Board of Orthodontics. Dr. LaFerla has previously served as Southwest Missouri Dental Society President.

He was Dental Class President at the University of Nebraska, won the Pierre Fauchard Academy Award for Outstanding Clinician and received the Chi-Cheung Chan Orthodontic Award.

He is a member of the American Association of Orthodontics (Midwestern Society), the American Dental Association (Southwest Missouri Dental Society), World Federation of Orthodontists, the Southwest Missouri Interdisciplinary Study Club and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to being a leader in his professional field, he is a leader in the community. His charity involvement includes the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Jasper and Newton Counties (where he served as Board President), the American Diabetes Association (where he was Campaign Chairman), and has started the Michael R. LaFerla Orthodontic Team Scholarship Program.

He and his wife, Bre, are the parents of a daughter, Jady.



# Candidates for Honors & Degrees

## Baccalaureate Degrees

### Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Braker, Nicole  
Cross, Emily  
Fong, Mungyan  
Griffith, Tess

Hoffmeister, Sarah †  
Hollingshead, Jeffrey  
Joslin, Kassie

Kemm, Jeffrey  
Lauffer, Karen  
Leiter, Katie

Peoples, Sarah  
Prater, Kristy ‡  
Weidert, Blanch

## Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Frerer, Bethany  
Harp, Elaina  
Swagerty, Heather

Taylor, Aaron  
Thomlinson, Brett

Urfer, Kristin  
Vann, Jamie

Wells, Bernadean  
Zauche, Jennifer

## Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Abram, Dana-Mae  
Baker, Megan  
Bayless, Nicholle ✓

Broady, Kayla ✓  
Eshom, Roger  
Green, Sara ✓

Milliken, Kara ✓  
Montee, Hannah ✓  
Morang, Hiedi ✓

Ogle, Jessica ✓  
Percy, Myra ✓  
Victor, Tara ✓

## Associate Degrees

### First Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

Crowley, Carman

Goodman, Debbie

### Third Honors

Grade Point Average 3.70 - 3.79

Warmoth, Anthony



# School of Arts & Sciences

## Bachelor of Arts

**Bentz, Marie Ann**

English  
Joplin

**Braden, Jennifer Kay**

Art  
Miami, OK

**Clark, Ryan Daniel**

English  
Joplin

**Davis, Kelly Elizabeth**

Communication  
Neosho

**Davis Bodin, Susan T.**

Sociology  
Joplin

**Deardorff, Drew W.**

Communication  
Webb City

**Doss, Kristen Eileen**

English  
Joplin

**English, Julie Leora**

Art  
Carl Junction

**Erman, Kristin**

Spanish  
Joplin

**Feller, April A.**

Spanish  
Joplin

**Frerer, Bethany Erin**

Communication  
Joplin

**Guinn, Jake W.**

Spanish  
Anderson

**Harrison, Megan Danielle**

Communication  
Parsons, KS

**Hollingshead, Jeffrey David**

English / German  
Gideon

**Hoyt, Amber D.**

Communication  
Joplin

**James, Jessica Janae**

English  
Neosho

**Landon, Ashley Rae**

Spanish  
Miami, OK

**Major, Dallas Nicole**

Art  
Joplin

**McFadden, Kalee N.**

International Studies  
Tucson, AZ

**Milliken, Kara Marie**

Political Science  
Joplin

**Nepote, Brandon Scott Russell**

Art  
Joplin

**Petillo, Todd Owen**

Art  
Bixby, OK

**Poiry, Alexander Charles**

History  
Joplin

**Ramos, Wilberto**

Spanish  
Carl Junction

**Ray, Jennifer Lyn**

Sociology  
Joplin

**Stansill, Jessica Marie**

Communication  
Goodman

**Stark, Krista Lee**

Communication  
Webb City

**Vann, Jamie Lea**

Spanish  
Fair Play

**Wofford, Kristenee Fenele**

Communication  
Commerce, OK

## Bachelor of Science

**Arnall, Robin Lee**

Sociology  
Neosho

**Boothe, Rebecca Diana**

Biology  
Joplin

**Burris, Justin H.**

Biology  
Seneca

**Campbell, Stephanie Dawn \***

Sociology  
Joplin

**Capps, Ashley**

Biology  
Joplin

**Collins, Lesley E.**

Biology  
Joplin

**Cooper, Tiffany M.**

Sociology  
Miami, OK

**Daniels, Christeny Jo**

Sociology  
Anderson

**Geary, Shawna Michelle**

Sociology  
Neosho

**Harp, Elaina Ann**

Sociology  
Anderson

**Henderson, Heather Lynn**

Biochemistry  
Tipton

**Hoffmeister, Sarah Ann †**

Biology  
Joplin

**Johnson, Dustin S.**

Environmental Health  
Neosho

**Kelley, Patrick Munselle**

Biology  
Carl Junction

**Landstad, Christopher Peter**

Biology  
Cassville

**Lewis, David Paul**

Biochemistry  
Joplin

**Lindsay, Tiffany Ann**

Chemistry  
Diamond

**Lindsey-Hall, Heidi**

Sociology  
Webb City

**Lynch, Daniel**

Sociology  
Joplin

**McCorkle, Kristin Nichole**

Sociology  
Carl Junction



**McCown, Lindsay Elaine**

*Sociology*  
Springfield

**Moss, Quentin Sterling**

*Physics*  
Jasper

**Nakasone, Relina Osao**

*Sociology*  
Neosho

**Neely, Frank Edward**

*Political Science*  
Joplin

**Njoroge, Vincent Ndaya**

*Environmental Health*  
Kenya  
Joplin

**Petersen, Julie Elizabeth**

*Biology*  
St. Louis

**Scheerer, Amanda Michelle**

*Biology*  
Carthage

**Seeley, Steven David**

*Biology*  
Asbury

**Taylor, Josh S.**

*Chemistry*  
Joplin

**Wilson, Shannon**

*Sociology*  
Joplin

# *School of Business Administration*

## **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**

**Beers, Jenilee Dawn**

*Marketing*  
Sedan, KS

**Bledsoe, Matthew C.**

*International Business*  
Carl Junction

**Blythe, Lori Ann**

*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Boyd, Christie Marie**

*Management / Marketing*  
Edmond, OK

**Bullis, Robin Michelle**

*Management*  
Diamond

**Chu, Ching-Yuan**

*Marketing*  
Taiwan  
Joplin

**Crane, Elizabeth Rae**

*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Cupp, Kyle C.**

*Management*  
Joplin

**Daniel, Levi A.**

*Accounting*  
Webb City

**DeVries, Bryson R.**

*General Business*  
Sedalia

**Downs, Amberly Kay**

*Accounting*  
Carl Junction

**Dyer, Jeffrey Scott**

*International Business*  
Stark City

**Eck, Daudi Raphael Windsor**

*Management*  
Joplin

**Eshom, Roger A.**

*Management / International Business*  
Joplin

**Farmer, Christopher Ryan**

*International Business*  
Diamond

**Feller, April A.**

*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Florida, Chastity Dawn**

*Management*  
Rockville

**Francis, Jonathan Mark**

*International Business*  
Webb City

**Ganz, Anna A.**

*Accounting*  
Russia  
Joplin

**Gorechan, Dushan B.**

*Finance and Economics*  
Wichita, KS

**Gray, Mary Catherine**

*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Greenwell, Valerie A.**

*Accounting*  
Pierce City

**Ipock, Ronald Lee**

*Management*  
Carthage

**Jenkins, Amber DeAnne**

*Management*  
Nevada

**Johnson, Elbert Dwayne**

*Marketing / Management*  
Kansas City

**Juline, Justin Lee**

*Accounting*  
West Plains

**Kemm, Jeffrey Scott**

*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Line, Gail L.**

*Management*  
Webb City

**Maina, Doris N.**

*International Business*  
Kenya  
Joplin

**McCleary, Matthew Scott**

*Accounting*  
Cartersville

**Meade, Deneshar Malicia**

*Finance and Economics / Management*  
British Virgin Islands

**Metcalfe, Ashley Elaine**

*Accounting*  
Baxter Springs KS

**Montee, Hannah Eileen**

*Marketing*  
Liberal

**Moser, Tanya Renee**

*International Business*  
Joplin

**Ostertag, Amanda Gail**

*Marketing*  
Monett

**Patton, Keri Lynn**

*General Business*  
Carl Junction

**Percy, Myra Ann**

*Accounting*  
Carthage

**Prater, Kristy Michelle ‡**

*Accounting*  
Mt. Vernon

**Queen, Linda M.**

*Management*  
Joplin

**Rainwater, Shauna Lyn**

*General Business*  
Webb City



**Scatliffe, Carleen Jovita**  
*Finance and Economics*  
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

**Silva, Ismael**  
*International Business*  
Mexico  
Verona

**Smith, Andrea Nichole**  
*Accounting*  
Webb City

**Smith, Tara Ann**  
*Marketing*  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

**Stark, Craig Alden**  
*Marketing*  
Carthage

**Stout, Matthew Edward**  
*Management*  
Anderson

**Thomlinson, Brett Austin**  
*Finance and Economics*  
Neosho

**Vestal, Lucas D.**  
*Management*  
Baxter Springs, KS

**Wagner, Joey Joseph**  
*Marketing / Management*  
Lampe

**Waters, Jacinda Elaine**  
*Marketing*  
Carthage

**Watson, Danell Javon**  
*Management*  
Blue Springs

**Weidert, Blanch E.**  
*Accounting*  
Webb City

**Weston, Christopher Paul**  
*Management*  
Branson

**Wigent, Michelle Irene**  
*Accounting*  
Joplin

**Williams, Jahala J.**  
*General Business*  
Joplin

**Williams, Kristopher Gene**  
*Finance and Economics*  
Lebanon

**Wormington, Jamie Michelle**  
*Marketing*  
Monett

## *School of Education*

### **Bachelor of Arts**

**Bumann, Tiffany Joy**  
*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Pelaez, Danielle Alana**  
*Psychology*  
Joplin

### **Bachelor of Science**

**Anderson, Ashley Leeanne**  
*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Davis, Joseph Michael**  
*Psychology*  
Broken Arrow, OK

**Foster, Carrie Abigail**  
*Psychology*  
Diamond

**King, Kenneth Paul**  
*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Calvin, Matthew Jason**  
*Psychology*  
Joplin

**Leiter, Katie Marie**  
*Psychology*  
Carthage



## Bachelor of Science in Education

**Abram, Dana-Mae Louise**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Bayless, Nicholle Christine**  
Elementary Education  
Neosho

**Boyes, Kayleigh Joleen**  
Elementary Education  
Scammon, KS

**Braker, Nicole Lyn**  
Elementary Education  
Liberal

**Broady, Kayla J.**  
Physical Education  
Webb City

**Carterman, Jennifer Marie**  
Elementary Education  
Neosho

**Cary, Heather "Nikan" Sue**  
Elementary Education  
Grove, OK

**Daugherty, Michael Ted**  
Physical Education  
Neosho

**DeMoss, Erika Rachelle \***  
Music Education  
Webb City

**Farris, Tabitha Lyn**  
Middle School Education  
Neosho

**Foster, Brad Alan**  
Mathematics Education  
LaRussell

**Edwards, Deidre \***  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Geyer, Ila Louise**  
Elementary Education  
Pierce City

**Griffith, Tess Allison**  
Elementary Education  
Webb City

**Grizzle, Breanna Jo \***  
Elementary Education  
Webb City

**Hall, Ami A.**  
Elementary Education  
Seneca

**Hill, Michelle R.**  
Elementary Education  
Webb City

**Hogan, Adam Richard**  
Elementary Education  
Bonnots Mill

**Howard, Julie Marie**  
English Education  
Marionville

**Hulstine, Nathan Zachary**  
Elementary Education  
Webb City

**Hunley-Askue, Rachel Joy**  
Business Education  
Webb City

**Inman-Allen, Aimee LeeAnn**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Joslin, Kassie D.**  
English Education  
Miami, OK

**Lauffer, Karen L.**  
Elementary Education  
Carterville

**Lee, Cassie Regina**  
Elementary Education  
Miami, OK

**Loveless, Michael Paul**  
Social Science Education  
Joplin

**Marion, Paula Suzanne**  
Elementary Education  
Pierce City

**McAdams, Bobby D.**  
Industrial Technology Education  
Liberal

**Miallou, Alix E.**  
French Education  
France  
Kansas City

**Miller, Laci Marie**  
Elementary Education  
Seneca

**Morang, Hiedi Ann**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Musso, Meredith Leigh**  
Elementary Education  
Rogers, AR

**Myers, David L.**  
Physical Education  
Seneca

**Ogle, Jessica D.**  
Elementary Education  
Richland

**Peoples, Sarah Nicole**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Peters, Kenneth W.**  
Physical Education  
Joplin

**Renfro, Aimee Jo**  
Elementary Education  
Neosho

**Severs, Jacque E.**  
Elementary Education  
Carthage

**Shuster, Erin Marie**  
Elementary Education  
Mt. Vernon

**Southard, Misty Dawn**  
Elementary Education  
Joplin

**Stine, Carrie Lee \***  
Elementary Education  
Carthage

**Swagerty, Heather Nicole**  
Elementary Education  
Neosho

**Tappana, Lacey Lynn**  
Elementary Education  
Webb City

**Urfer, Kristin Michelle**  
Elementary Education  
Higginsville

**Velliquette, Brett Scott**  
Physical Education  
Joplin

**Victor, Tara LeAnn**  
Elementary Education  
Afton, OK

**Wynne, Robert Gale**  
Middle School Education  
Webb City

**Zauche, Jennifer Etta \***  
Elementary Education  
Garden City, KS



# School of Technology

## Bachelor of Science

**Allmendinger, Linda Carole**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Fayetteville, AR

**Ames, Diana June**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Base, Patrick H.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Mt. Vernon

**Beene, William Robert**  
*Computer Information Science*  
Joplin

**Berry, Jason Travis**  
*Industrial Engineering Technology*  
Joplin

**Biastock, Christopher Ryan**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Bit-Shawish, Abdallah**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Cline, Linda Kay**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Cripps, Ashley Michelle**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Pittsburg, KS

**Cross, Emily Elizabeth**  
*Health Science*  
Ash Grove

**Cunningham, Jennifer Marie**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Sarcoie

**Daugherty, Shanda Lynn**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Fairland, OK

**Davis, Robert Donald**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Derryberry, Heidi R.N.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Seneca

**Diggs, Matthew LaMonte**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Raytown

**Fong, Mungyan**  
*Computer Information Science*  
China  
Joplin

**Forest, Julia V.**  
*Health Science*  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
Springfield

**Fritz, Erin Kathleen**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Kimberling City

**Gardner, Rochelle Lynn**  
*Health Science*  
Lamar

**Gollhofer, Kim Ann**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Green, Sara Elizabeth**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Cassville

**Greer, Ryan Terry Nathen**  
*Health Science*  
Joplin

**Guinn, Jake W**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Anderson

**Harkey, Jarvis Lee**  
*Computer Forensics*  
Miami, OK

**Hill, Lakresha Ann**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Houston, Seth Ryan**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Lathrop, Kyle James**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Nevada

**Lewis, Valerie Sue**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Bolivar

**Lindsay, Tiffany Ann**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Diamond

**McGuire, Eric Daniel**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Springfield

**McNealy, Aaron Desmond**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Kansas City

**Mitchell, Laura Elizabeth**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Pierce City

**Moore, Marc R.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Jefferson City

**Morris, Jennifer Lynn**  
*Health Science*  
Joplin

**Moser, Garret E.**  
*Industrial Engineering Technology*  
Joplin

**Owen, Jamie Kay**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Oronogo

**Pickup, Justin Keith**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Neosho

**Pierce, Terrance Robert**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Hume

**Rothwell, Peter Jacob**  
*Juvenile Justice*  
Neosho

**Sargent, Chrissie LeAnn**  
*Health Science*  
Jasper

**Saylor, AnnMarie**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Skinner, Robert L.**  
*Industrial Engineering Technology*  
Sulphur Springs, AR

**Sparks, Bobby Ray**  
*Industrial Engineering Technology*  
Alba

**Spurgeon, Jacqueline R.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Stone, Erol David**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Columbus, KS

**Story, Jennifer Rae**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Taylor, Nikki J.**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Vansel, Christy Leann**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Golden City

**Waites, LaDawn Lynette**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Joplin

**Wells, Bernadean Arlene**  
*Health Science*  
Webb City

**Whiteman, Sherry M.**  
*Health Science*  
Neosho

**Wormington, Whitney Morgan**  
*Justice Studies*  
Joplin

**Wright, Ashley Michelle**  
*Criminal Justice Administration*  
Everton



## Bachelor of General Studies

**Branstetter, Chris Lee**  
General Studies  
Purdy

**Clinkenbeard, Cindy L.**  
General Studies  
Goodman

**Corkle, Pamela J.**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Dunlap, Amanda Lynn**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Ferris, Stephen Gregg**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Hoskins, Amber Leigh**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Jensen, Rebecca D.**  
General Studies  
Neosho

**Pietrzak, Meagan Pietrzak**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Teaford, Ann Louise**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Willis, Shanna DeLea**  
General Studies  
Granby

## Associate of Arts

**Boyer, Rita Ann**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Clinkenbeard, Cindy L.**  
General Studies  
Goodman

**Goodman, Deborah Lynn**  
General Studies  
South Greenfield

**McNally, Martha Mae**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Pickett, Nancy M.**  
General Studies  
Joplin

**Littlefield, Lindsey M.**  
General Studies  
Joplin

## Associate of Science

**Base, Patrick H.**  
Law Enforcement  
Mt. Vernon

**Benefield, Dale Lee**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Joplin

**Cline, Linda Kay**  
Law Enforcement  
Joplin

**Comer, Christopher M.**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Webb City

**Crowley, Carman LeAnn**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Sheldon

**Cunningham, Jennifer Marie**  
Law Enforcement  
Sarcoxie

**Derryberry, Heidi R.N.**  
Law Enforcement  
Seneca

**Dill, Candace K.**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Neosho

**Ellis, Betty J.**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Neosho

**Eubanks, Krystal L.**  
General Business  
Joplin

**Ezell, Charity Catherine**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Neosho

**Fry, Elizabeth Arlene**  
Law Enforcement  
Duenweg

**Gage, Tamara Renea**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Seneca

**Glover, Jr., Albert Dale**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Carthage

**Guinn, Jake W**  
Law Enforcement  
Anderson

**Hambrough Rosenbohm, Mary Kathryn**  
Computer Information Science  
Joplin

**Harper, Rachel LeAnn**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Carthage

**Johnson, Charolett Lorene**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Duenweg

**Jones, Lauren Page**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Broken Arrow, OK

**Lathrop, Kyle James**  
Law Enforcement  
Nevada

**Lawrence, Harel Ray**  
Law Enforcement  
Lamar

**Leighton, Moose D.**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Joplin

**Manning, Kimberly Ann**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Joplin

**Messner, Susan Joy**  
Law Enforcement  
Joplin



**Pickup, Justin Keith**

Law Enforcement  
Neosho

**Piepenbrink, Crystal Dawn**

Respiratory Therapy  
Webb City

**Queen, Amy Christenia**

Respiratory Therapy  
Webb City

**Riley, Rabekah Lynn**

Respiratory Therapy  
Lamar

**Sato, Chiho**

Respiratory Therapy  
Japan  
Neosho

**Saylor, AnnMarie**

Law Enforcement  
Joplin

**Self, Margaret Ann**

Respiratory Therapy  
Joplin

**Shah, Samina**

General Business  
Joplin

**Smith, Erin Heather**

Respiratory Therapy  
Miami, OK

**Smith, Madelyn Ann**

Respiratory Therapy  
Joplin

**Snook, Gerrett R.**

Law Enforcement  
Baxter Springs, KS

**Stone, Erol David**

Law Enforcement  
Columbus, KS

**Taylor, Nikki J.**

Law Enforcement  
Joplin

**Turnbeaugh, Ceri Lyn**

General Business  
Oronogo

**Warmoth, Anthony Wayne**

Computer Information Science  
Joplin

**Warmoth, Jennifer D.**

Computer Information Science  
Joplin

**Whiteman, Sherry M.**

Respiratory Therapy  
Neosho

**Wormington, Whitney Morgan**

General Business  
Joplin



# ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,  
Class of '39

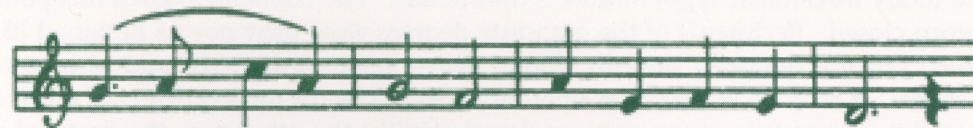
Music by Emerson Jackson,  
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

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*Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.*



# Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods awarded in Missouri Southern ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

<b>Brown:</b>	Fine Arts
<b>Crimson:</b>	Journalism
<b>Dark Blue:</b>	Philosophy
<b>Golden Yellow:</b>	Science
<b>Lemon Yellow:</b>	Library Science
<b>Light Blue:</b>	Education
<b>Pink:</b>	Music
<b>Purple:</b>	Law
<b>Sage Green:</b>	Physical Education
<b>Scarlet:</b>	Theology
<b>White:</b>	Arts, Letters, Humanities
<b>Yellow Brown:</b>	Commerce, Business, Accountancy